

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

North Catahoula C-3 & 4 Stewardship Sale Catahoula Ranger District

THIS IS A STEWARDSHIP END RESULTS CONTRACT – A COMBINATION OF TIMBER SALE AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK

Proposals must be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA by 4:00 P.M. May 6, 2014. This is a Best Value Offer Contract and award will be based on a combination of price and technical performance.

LOCATION: This contract area is located approximately 4 miles west of Georgetown, LA in T9N RIW, Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 & 35 of Grant Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The contract area consists of about 1,925 acres, of which an estimated 759 acres are designated for cutting. The contract contains sixteen (16) Payment Units, all of which are marked thinning units. There are no RCW trees in this sale. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be December 31, 2017.

EROSION CONTROL: The Contractor will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 6.5 acres to Forest Service specifications. The contractor may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of \$2,839.80.

ROADS:

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Contractor will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 4.2 miles of Forest Service roads 131, 178, 178-A and C001C prior to hauling. The work includes placing 425 Tons of Winn Rock and 396 C.Y. of Pit Run on these roads. A cost allowance of \$34,388.48 is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective offerors. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The contractor will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of \$0.10 per CCF (approximately \$917.27) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$1,517.76 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK: GT.9 of this contract requires performance of stewardship conservation projects. KT-GT.9 describes the stewardship work done, which includes building and installation of 23 access control devices (see attached description of work). Proposals must contain a price and a technical proposal for the work (*see section "19 General" of the Prospectus for direction on submitting proposals*). The locations of the access control devices are shown on the Contract Area Map, and located outside the timber cutting area. All work is located within the contract area boundary which is the Catahoula Ranger District.

Proposals must contain a price for the mandatory work and offerors must be prepared to do all of the service work requested.

AWARD: In order to be awarded this contract, the successful offeror must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov. This registration will require the offeror to have a DUN and Bradstreet (DUNS) number, which may be acquired online. Offerors must submit a Technical Proposal (*see section "19 General" for direction on submitting a Technical Proposal and a Price Proposal (Bid Forms FS 2400-14BVU)*). The proposals will be evaluated by a Source Selection Team who will make a recommendation to the Contracting Officer. **The contract will be awarded based on BEST VALUE to the GOVERNMENT, not necessarily the BEST price.**

STEWARDSHIPS CREDITS: Contract clause ET.2.2 explains the acquisition and use of stewardship credits. Stewardship credits are earned and established when work described in KT-GT.9 has been performed and accepted. Earned stewardship credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits.

SHOW-ME TRIP: The District will conduct a show-me-trip for anyone interested in learning more about this contract and the specific requirements. Interested offerors should meet at the Catahoula Ranger District office, 5325 LA Hwy 8, Bentley, LA 9:00A.M., on **May 1, 2014**.

All interested bidders should investigate the contract area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact Roderick Alfred at the District Office at (318) [765-3554](tel:765-3554) ext-203 if you have any questions about this sale.